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PETITION FOR 3-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

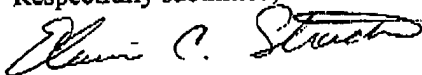
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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition for a 3-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated March 22, 2004, extending the period for response to September 22, 2004. Please charge the fee of \$490.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 (a)(3) for small entity and any underpayment for timely consideration to **Deposit Account No. 502731**. Applicants petition for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.

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Respectfully submitted,



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